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**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to amend the claims to avoid extra fees for multiple dependent claims. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. None of the changes submitted in this Preliminary Amendment are to be construed as having any effect on the scope of the subject matter being claimed, as they are merely being presented for clarification purposes, as stated above. All of the changes made in this Preliminary Amendment are made without prejudice, so that the matter deleted may be reintroduced as necessary for prosecution of the application.

**Summary and Conclusion:**

It is submitted that Applicants have provided a new and unique MONITORING AND DATA EXCHANGE PROCEDURE FOR A PERIPHERAL DATA STORAGE UNIT. It is submitted that the claims are fully distinguishable over the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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